

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/705,967 Confirmation No.: 6772

Applicant : William Christopher DUFFY

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Title : APPARATUS FOR A FIRE-RATED DUCT

Group Art Unit : 3679

Examiner : HEWITT, James M.

Atty. Docket No. : US 1362/03

Date : August 23, 2006

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of February 23, 2006, the period for filing a response to which having been extended by three months, from February 23, 2006 to August 23, 2006, by virtue of concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.